

Union College. Rabbi Zedek is the youngest man to receive this honor.

He served as CEO of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and as the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jehudah in Kansas City, Missouri for 26 years, where he holds the title of Rabbi Emeritus. During his tenure, the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati received national awards for innovative fundraising and programming. Prior to his service at the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Rabbi Zedek was the senior rabbi of Temple B'nai Jehudah in Kansas City, Missouri where he served for many years.

Rabbi Zedek is a truly dedicated community activist, scholar, and teacher. He is deeply involved in civic affairs having served on a number of national and international boards. He has also had numerous teaching and speaking appointments around the world on a wide range of topics, especially focusing on spirituality and folklore. He has taught and lectured in South Africa, Russia, China, the former Yugoslavia, and Israel and in many other countries.

He received a Danforth Graduate Fellowship for outstanding teaching, a Fulbright-Hays Grant for advanced study in the United Kingdom, and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York. He will still speak internationally on spirituality and folklore and remain a regular presenter at Rancho La Puerta, a spirituality and retreat center, in Tecate, Mexico. He also serves as the host of a radio show, "Religion on the Line," which has been on the air for more than 20 years. I thank Rabbi Zedek for his leadership and service.

I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Rabbi Zedek for the work he has done for his congregation, the community, the 9th Congressional District and beyond. We thank him for his invaluable service, and wish him well in all future endeavors.

**HONORING TOUGALOO COLLEGE/
DELTA HEALTHPARTNERS
HEALTHY START INITIATIVE**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public health program designed to reduce infant mortality in the Mississippi Delta, the Tougaloo College/Delta HealthPartners Healthy Start Initiative.

This initiative is one of the 100 Healthy Start Initiatives throughout the nation working endlessly to give every child a healthy start in life. The Delta HealthPartners' Healthy Start program is housed under the auspices of Tougaloo College within the George A. and Ruth B. Owens Health and Wellness Center, under the direction of Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes, the executive director. The program serves a rural population in a seven county area in the Mississippi Delta (Tunica, Coahoma, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Sunflower, Bolivar, and Washington counties). These counties are among the poorest and most medically underserved in Mississippi and the nation.

The Healthy Start Initiative was implemented in 1999 with funding from the Health

Resources and Services Administration under the leadership of Dr. Beverly W. Hogan, who now serves as President of Tougaloo College. Today, Ms. Arletha Howard serves as the project director. Ms. Howard is a registered nurse with over 28 years of experience in oncology, burn trauma, intensive care unit, pediatrics, home health, maternal and child health. She has worked with the Healthy Start Initiative for 16 years. In 2014, under Mrs. Howard's leadership, the Healthy Start Initiative was upgraded from a Level I individual based program to a Level II community based program.

Since its inception, the Healthy Start Initiative has provided case management services through a home visiting model to (1) high-risk pregnant women of childbearing age 10–44 years, (2) their infants; and (3) fathers/co-parents.

Over the past 16 years, the program has achieved several major accomplishments: The Healthy Start Initiative has case managed over 900 mothers and infants just this past calendar year (January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015).

The Healthy Start Initiative has created the Coahoma County Community Action Network responsible for opening the first Diaper Bank in the state of Mississippi funded by charitable donations and Northwest Mississippi Foundation.

The Healthy Start Initiative serves as the lead agency in partnership with the Mississippi State Department of Health in the Mississippi Delta Regional Fetal Infant Mortality Review program.

The Healthy Start Initiative has created Memorandums of Understandings (MOU) with 22 partnering schools in the Mississippi Delta to provide peer support groups to pregnant/parenting teens and co-parents.

The Healthy Start Initiative has been featured in numerous publications and articles (USA Today, Hechinger Report, Huffington Post, Clarksdale Press Register, Tunica Times, and WABG TV Interview) highlighting the comprehensive services of the project.

The Healthy Start Initiative has partnered with Parents for Public Schools to provide trainings for project parents on advocacy skills and educating and mobilizing parents to strengthen public schools.

The Healthy Start Initiative promotes breastfeeding in two (2) clinic sites by providing health education by project's Certified Lactation Counselors (Women's Clinic-Clarksdale, MS and Gamble Clinic-Greenville, MS).

The Healthy Start Initiative hosts a Community Baby Shower in partnership with local hospitals, Federally Qualified Community Health Centers (FQHC), other health care providers and key stakeholders each year in September to promote awareness of infant mortality during National Infant Mortality Awareness Month.

The Healthy Start Initiative has implemented a male outreach initiative to address parenting issues among male co-parents and hosts an Annual 5k Walk in June to promote Men's Health Awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Tougaloo College Delta HealthPartners Healthy Start Initiative for its continued efforts to reduce infant mortality in the Mississippi Delta.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 273 on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res 767, Roll Call Number 274 on Agreeing to the Resolution of H. Res 767, Roll Call Number 275 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 3826, Roll Call Number 276 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 277 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 278 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 279 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 280 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 281 On Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 4775, Roll Call Number 282 On Passage of H.R. 4775 which took place Wednesday, June 8, 2016, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call Number 273 on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res 767, on Roll Call Number 274 on Agreeing to the Resolution of H. Res 767, on Roll Call Number 275 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 3826 and on Roll Call Number 282 for passage of H.R. 4775.

I would have voted Nay on Roll Call Number 276 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 277 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 278 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 279 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775, on Roll Call Number 280 On Agreeing to the Amendment of H.R. 4775.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARC
STEPP

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Marc Stepp, who passed away on June 3rd, 2016, at the age of 93. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Born on January 31st, 1923, in Versailles, Kentucky, he grew up in Evansville, Indiana before coming to Detroit. He was a graduate of the University of Detroit and a U.S. Army veteran.

Marc now rests as a legend of the labor movement—one of the greatest friends to working people that our nation has ever known. I speak here for Detroit, for the members of the United Automobile Workers Union, and the people whose lives he has touched, when I say that we will miss him dearly.

I stand before you today as the Dean of the Congress because when I was a young man, Marc Stepp stood up for me. He provided me crucial guidance, support, and advice as I sought elected office, and throughout my career he has inspired me to fight harder with his own dedication to securing jobs, justice, and peace for all people.